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Applicants: WANG :
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING RELIABILITY AND
AVAILABILITY IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPONENT OBJECT MODEL
(DCOM) OBJECT ORIENTED SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2001, please amend the designated portions of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14 15, and 16, as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for enhanced software fault tolerance in a Distributed Component Object Model comprising the steps of:

a client maintaining a pool of server object instances on multiple machines;

the client invoking a first server object instance from the pool with a client request until an error occurs in the first server object instance; and

determining whether the error is minor and continuing the first server object instance or if the error is significant the client invoking a second server object instance from the pool based to replace the first server object instance in processing the client request.

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